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## Center Sponsors Program for Professional Certification in E&S Control

This fall, in cooperation with the Soil & Water Conservation Society and the Northeast Chapter of the International Erosion Control Association, the Center will sponsor a training course and subsequent exam, to assist land use professionals and others employed in the soil & water conservation field, to become a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC).

The certification is not done by the Center but is conducted as a joint effort by the Soil & Water Conservation Society and the International Erosion Control Association. The program is designed to enhance professional credibility and to recognize qualified professionals in the erosion and sediment control field.

This certification program is quite different from the Contractor Certification Program started by the Center a couple of years ago. In order to be eligible to take the exam for professional certification, you must submit an application form documenting certain educational and/or experience requirements, along with a resume and four letters of recommendation.

To qualify you must have at least 10 years of professional level experience or have a degree in engineering, (agricultural, civil, or environmental) geology, soil

science, natural resource science or management or a related field, and certain levels of experience (based on the type of degree). If you earned a BS degree, you need at least six years of professional level experience in the soil erosion and sediment control profession. If you earned an MS degree you need at least four years, and with a Ph.D. you need at least two years.

The application materials must be submitted and approved by the Program's Certification Review Committee prior to taking the exam. **Applications must be submitted by October 14, 1999, in order to take the exam this fall.** If you are interested in becoming certified you will need to contact the Soil & Water Conservation Society to obtain the necessary application materials and ensure that they are properly submitted and reviewed. The Soil & Water Conservation Society's address, phone number and E-mail address are:

75 15 NE Ankeny Road  
Ankeny, IA 50021-9764  
Tel. (515) 289-2331  
E-mail: [swcs@swcs.org](mailto:swcs@swcs.org)

Application forms and program information can also be downloaded from the Society's home page at: **<http://www.swcs.org>**

The Center encourages all land use professionals to take advantage of this program. It is sure to pay dividends in the future.



### Certified Contractors Obtain Waiver of Permit-by-Rule Fourteen day Waiting Period

As of June 1, 1999, individuals certified in Erosion Control Practices will now be able to begin work on Soil Disturbance (PBR Section 2) and Stream Crossing (PBR Section 10) Projects immediately after filing a Permit-by-Rule notification with the Department. In the past, all applicants for these types of projects had to wait 14 days before beginning work.

This is a substantial benefit to certified contractors in that it will allow them to complete more work with less down time during Maine's short construction season. It will also allow them to bet-

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ter serve their customers providing them with a competitive advantage over other non-certified contractors.

Certified contractors are also eligible for other benefits from the Department. With greater use of the Internet these days, advertising on the "Net" has become a good way to get the word out on your business. The Department has included an updated list of certified contractors as part of its Web site, providing a kind of endorsement for these individuals. Landowners concerned about the environment can access the list to find a contractor in their area who is trained in erosion control practices. You can find the list at: <http://janus.state.me.us/dep/stormwatr/ccec.htm>.

This list of contractors has also been provided to some of the lake associations and watershed groups the Department works with, further advertising these individual's services.

In addition to these benefits, the Center will now provide any publication from its publications library to certified contractors **free of charge**. This provides a substantial savings on things like best management practices manuals, etc.

For those of you who have taken the necessary training and have not yet been certified, these benefits are a great reason to contact your local Soil & Water Conservation District and set up an appointment for an inspection of one of your construction sites. The inspection itself will take less than an hour of your time, and if you have other crew members who have taken the training, up to 5 individuals can be certified using one site! Call and make an appointment today, you'll be glad you did!

## New Videos and Publications Augment Center Libraries

Six new videos and 10 new publications highlight the Center's July 1999 Video Library and Publications listings.

New video listings include: an installation video on corrugated steel pipe; a guide to Maine's Forestry BMPs; two videos on vegetated buffers; one on stormwater, and one on lake watershed surveys. New publications include; three on Buffers; three dealing with phosphorus control; one on septic systems, and one on starting a local Youth Conservation Corps. If you would like to order any of these, the revised listings and order form are enclosed for your convenience.

## 1999 Winter/ Spring Training Sessions Provide Training to Various Groups

Over 1000 participants attended training sessions sponsored by the Center in the Winter/Spring of 1999. This set a new record for participation in a single training season.

With help from the Maine Department of Transportation, the Associated Constructors of Maine,

structors of Maine, local Soil & Water Conservation Districts, the Lakes Environmental Association, the Maine Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and the Appraisal Institute, twenty-seven training sessions were successfully held throughout the state. The training programs ran from January through May of 1999. Participants in these sessions included contractors, land use professionals, marina owners, engineers, consultants, municipal officials and real estate appraisers.

The Center would sincerely like to thank those organizations for their assistance with, and support of these training programs. Without their help we could not possibly have reached all of these groups in such a short time frame.



## Certified Contractor Team Win Award From the International Erosion Control Association (IECA)

Lisa Burns (cert. # 0011) and Karen King (cert. #0020) of Cabins to Castles, of Denmark, recently won the 1999 "Contractor of the Year" award from the International Erosion Control Association for a project they completed on Long Lake in Bridgton. The project involved stabilizing a sandy, steeply sloped, eroding shoreline, using a variety of erosion and sediment control products. These included gabion baskets, riprap, vegetation, wood chips and erosion control blankets.

**The Center would like to take this opportunity to recognize Lisa and Karen for their efforts, and congratulate them on a job well done!**

# 1999 Summer/Fall Training Schedule

**E**ight Courses highlight the Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center's 1999 Summer/Fall Training Schedule.

New Courses being offered include two Courses for Engineers on Stormwater. The first is a conference entitled "Lessons Learned in Stormwater Management and Permitting. This will be a program essentially put on by various engineering firms based on their real world experiences. It is designed to be a forum for the exchange of information between land use professionals working with stormwater management. The conference is co-sponsored by the Consulting Engineers of Maine.

The other offering is an in-depth course on Stormwater Best Management Practices. This course will take place in four hour increments over a 7 week period, and is being put together by the Cumberland County Soil & Water Conservation District with help from MDOT and DEP staff.

Another new course being offered is geared toward contractors. This is a four-hour course on Construction Project Phasing. The program is designed to be a continuing education course for Certified Contractors to help them maintain their certification. However, the course is open to other contractors who may have an interest in this subject.

As discussed on page 1, the Center, in cooperation with the Soil & Water Conservation Society and the International Erosion Control Association, will sponsor a course and subsequent exam designed for individuals interested in professional certification in erosion and sediment control. The course will take place in October and the exam will be administered in November to allow candidates an opportunity to study.

Again this fall, the Center will offer a repeat of the popular Basic and Advanced courses on erosion and sediment control best management practices for contractors. These courses are

required for participation in the contractor certification program and will be held at four different locations throughout the state.

In addition, the Center will again sponsor popular courses on Roadside Erosion Control and Forestry Best Management Practices. These will be offered by local Soil & Water Conservation Districts in various parts of the state.

If you would like to attend one or more of the courses offered, please fill out the registration form on page 4, and mail it to the Center along with the appropriate registration fee.

**Please note we now have a deadline for registration for each course to enable us to better inform our registrants, presenters and classroom providers. NO registrations will be accepted after the registration deadline date.**

## Course Dates and Locations:

### 1) Lessons Learned in Stormwater Management/Permitting

**Augusta**, October 19, 1999, Civic Center  
**Registration Deadline 10/11/99**

### 2) Training and Exam For Professional Certification in Erosion and Sediment Control

**Portland**, October 14, 1999 (Training) and November 19, 1999 (Exam) Holiday Inn, Riverside St.  
**Registration Deadline 10/6/99**

### 3) Basic Erosion Control Practices for Contractors

**Guilford**, November 30, 1999, Covered Bridge Restaurant, Rte. 15  
**Registration Deadline 11/22/99**

**West Bath**, December 3, 1999, New Meadows Inn, Old Rte. 1  
**Registration Deadline 11/24/99**

**Saco**, December 7, 1999, Saco Elks Lodge, Rte. 1

**Registration Deadline 11/29/99**

**Houlton**, December 9, 1999, Shiretown Motor Inn, Rte. 1

**Registration Deadline 12/1/99**

### 4) Advanced Erosion Control Practices For Contractors

**Waterville**, December 10, 1999, John Martin's Manor, College Ave.

**Registration Deadline 12/2/99**

### 5) Continuing Education Course for Certified Contractors: Construction Project Phasing

**Augusta**, December 14, 1999, Civic Center, Community Drive

**Registration Deadline 12/6/99**

The following training courses, are being offered by local Soil & Water Conservation Districts. Please register for the courses by directly calling the District Contacts listed.

### Stormwater Practices for Engineers

Course sessions will be offered from 2:00 To 6:00 PM. on the following dates for seven consecutive weeks

**Scarborough**, October 5, 12, 19, 26, 1999, November 2, 9, 16, 1999, MDOT Building  
Contact: The Cumberland County SWCD (207) 839-7842

### Roadside Erosion and Sediment Control

**Machias**, September 16, 1999, Town Office  
Contact: The Washington County SWCD (207) 255-3995

**North Berwick**, October 5, 1999, SAD 60 Regional Office  
Contact: The York County SWCD (207) 324-7015

**Windham**, October 7, 1999, East Windham Fire Station  
Contact: Cumberland County SWCD (207) 839-7842

**Farmington**, October 18, 1999, Town Office  
Contact: The Franklin County SWCD (207) 778-4279

**South Paris**, October 20, 1999, Town Office  
Contact: The Oxford County SWCD (207) 743-5789

**Presque Isle**, October 27, 1999, County View Hotel  
Contact: The Central Aroostook County SWCD (207) 764-4153

**Forestry Best Management Practices**

**Hallowell**, August 27, 1999, Maple Hill Farm  
Contact: The Kennebec County SWCD (207) 622-7847

**Skowhegan**, September 10, 1999, Skowhegan Community Center  
Contact: The Somerset County SWCD (207) 474-8324

**Dover-Foxcroft**, September 24, 1999, Dover-Foxcroft, YMCA  
Contact: The Piscataquis County SWCD (207) 564-2321

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**Maine Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center Course Registration Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Tel.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The Courses I would like to attend are:**

**Session #** \_\_\_\_\_ **to be held in** \_\_\_\_\_ **Course Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(City or town)

**Session #** \_\_\_\_\_ **to be held in** \_\_\_\_\_ **Course fee:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Course Fees:**

- 1) Lessons Learned In Stormwater Management/Permitting \$40
- 2) Training and Professional Certification In Erosion and Sediment Control \$60
- 3) Basic Erosion Control Practices For Contractors \$25
- 4) Advanced Erosion Control Practices for Contractors \$25
- 5) Continuing Education Course; Construction Project Phasing \$15

**Send this form along with  
the appropriate fee to:**

The Maine Nonpoint Source Training and Resource Center  
Maine Department of Environmental Protection  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333

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